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SUBJECT: NE WIN VISIT TO MALAYSIA

REF: JAKARTA 7186

SUMMARY

BURMESE PM NE WIN SPENT FOUR RELAXED DAYS IN MALAYSIA
JUNE 14-17, BUT SINCE MOST OF CONVERSATIONS WITH RAZAK
WERE ON GOLF COURSE AND NO FINAL COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED,
EMBASSY UNABLE AS YET TO GET CLEAR PICTURE OF TOPICS
DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY

1. RECIPROCATING PM RAZAK' S VISIT TO BURMA IN FEB 1972,
BURMESE PM NE WIN SPENT FOUR DAYS IN MALAYSIA JUNE 14-17 .
MFA SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED VISIT AS " PURELY INFORMAL" AND
ADDED THAT NO " SIT DOWN" DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO LEADERS
WOULD BE HELD. TALKS, HE EXPLAINED, WOULD LIKELY BE HELD
DURING LUNCHES, DINNERS, OR WHILE GOLFING AND WOULD
CENTER ON " MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST". ON FIRST DAY NE

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WIN PLAYED GOLF WITH RAZAK AND THAT EVENING ATTENDED DINNER

HOSTED BY KING. FOLLOWING MORNING, HE ACCOMPANIED MALAYSIAN PM ON TWO- DAY VISIT TO LATTER' S HOME STATE OF PAHANG, WHERE MORE GOLF AND A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE SULTAN FILLED HIS SCHEDULE.

2. PRESS QUOTES MFA SOURCES AS SUGGESTING THAT TWO TOPICS OF CONVERSATION INCLUDED CONFERENCE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, WHICH BURMESE PM RECENTLY MOOTED IN JAKARTA, AND POSSIBILITY OF BURMA JOINING ASEAN. VISIT AROUSED HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE IN TERMS OF PHOTOS AND SOCIAL DETAIL, BUT NOTHING IN THE WAY OF EDITORIAL COMMENT AS YET.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON JUNE 16, MFA OFFICIAL PLEADED IGNORANCE OF SUBSTANCE OF VISIT COMPLAINING HALF-JOKINGLY THAT NO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WERE INCLUDED IN GOLF GAMES. HE DID ADD THAT MALAYSIA, WHICH WILL BE ESTABLISHING TIES WITH PRC SOON, IS ANXIOUS TO QUERY BURMESE ABOUT BEHAVIOR OF PEKING' S DIPLOMATS IN RANGOON. AS WAS CASE IN JAKARTA (SEE REF), NO FINAL COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED.
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